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In re application of: William T. DONOFRIO et al.

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For: FINGER OPERATED SWITCH FOR CONTROLLING A SURGICAL
HANDPIECE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

April 10, 2003

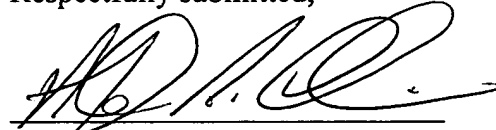
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 11, 2003, the applicants in the above-identified patent application provisionally elect, **WITH TRAVERSE**, Group I, claims 1-60 and 66-68, drawn to a system in surgical procedures, classified in class 606, subclass 169; and Species I, Figs. 2a, 2b.

If there are any questions regarding this Response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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